

January 13, 2015 -- Special Joint Meeting with the Randolph County Board of Education

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in special joint session with the Randolph County Board of Education at 4:00 p.m. in the Randolph County Schools Central Services board room, 2222 S. Fayetteville Street, Asheboro. Commissioners Frye, Kemp, Lanier, and Allen were present. Commissioner Haywood was absent. Also present were County Manager Hal Johnson; Finance Officer Will Massie; County Staff Attorney Aimee Scotton; Amanda Varner, Clerk to the Board; Dana Crisco, Deputy Clerk to the Board; and members of the Randolph County Board of Education and school officials: Superintendent Dr. Stephen Gainey, Todd Cutler, Gary Cook, Emily Coltrane, Brian Biggs, Tracy Boyles, Fred Burgess, Matthew Lambeth, Finance Officer Todd Lowe, Assistant Superintendent of Operation Marty Trotter, Executive Assistant to Superintendent Beverly Fowler, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction Catherine Berry, and Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Cathy Brady.

Superintendent Dr. Stephen Gainey welcomed the Commissioners and Chairman Frye called the meeting to order for the County.

Dr. Stephen Gainey and School Finance Officer Todd Lowe gave an update on their funding and discussed some of their 2015-2016 FY budget requests that will be presented at the March meeting. Dr. Gainey said they project continuation costs to be \$525,000. There is a need for recurring funding to replace older computers to meet the needs of students and the constant upgrades in technology. He suggests staggered replacement so it isn't always a huge amount at one time and estimated \$250,000 immediate need. To stay competitive with surrounding systems, he requested .5% supplemental increase for all employee classifications. They have had no increase since 2007. He said they would like to work toward being more competitive a year at a time. The estimate for the supplemental increase would equal \$500,000.

In regards to their capital outlay, Dr. Gainey said they are in year two of the nine-year facility upgrade and repair plan. They established a multi-year plan to address necessary building repairs.

Assistant Superintendent of Operation Marty Trotter presented the updates to the school system's nine-year facility upgrade/repair plan devised in 2014 and shared information about the Randleman Middle Fifth-Grade Academy, which opened this school year. The Academy being located at the middle school has helped to alleviate the crowding at the elementary and they saw savings due to the removal of some instructional trailers from Randleman Elementary. Under the nine-year plan, they have switched year two and three due to needs. The New Market need for municipal water and sewer continues and staff is evaluating options and costs to move this project forward.

Dr. Gainey spoke of the need for additional capacity in the Randleman, Southeastern Randolph Middle School and Trinity schools. They are trying to be aware and watch population trends in these areas. He said they will continue to do so, but that a public vote bond referendum may be something they consider in order to build needed schools.

They will be requesting an estimated \$486,000 in total capital outlay bringing their total current and capital request to around \$1,761,000.

**Adjournment**

*At 5:30 p.m., on motion of Lanier, seconded by Allen, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.*

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Darrell L. Frye, Chairman

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Phil Kemp

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Arnold Lanier

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David Allen

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Amanda Varner, Clerk to the Board